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SUBJ: CUBAN CAPTAIN PERALTA

1. LISBON PRESS EVENING JUNE 5 CARRIED COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PERALTA AND HIS LAWYER PALMA CARLOS ANNOUNCING THAT THEY HAD REACHED MUTUAL DECISION TO MAINTAIN IN SUSPENSE FOR THE TIME BEING ANY JUDICIAL ACTION ON THE CASE AWAITING INSTEAD A POLITICAL DECISION BY THE JUNTA AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS DECISION BY PERALTA AND PALMA CARLOS WOULD NOT STIMULATE ANY DEMONSTRATIONS DESIGNED TO HELP PERALTA SINCE SUCH ACTION COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE RESULTS AS DID THE LAST DEMONSTRATION WHICH RESULTED IN PERALTA'S TRANSFER FROM THE LISBON MILITARY HOSPITAL TO THE CAXIAS PRISON HOSPITAL (WHERE HE NOW RESIDES). IN COMMENT TO THE PRESS, PALMA CARLOS REAFFIRMED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT WHICH GUIDE THE JUNTA AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND STATED HIS INTENTION (PRESUMABLY BY DESISTING FROM FURTHER AGITATION OF THE PERALTA CASE) TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CLIMATE OF PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY.

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2. COMMENT. COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS PALMA CARLOS

NOW CONVINCED THAT JUNTA IS NOT TO BE MOVED ON

THIS ISSUE BY ACTION IN EITHER THE COURTS OR
THE STREET. NEWSPAPERS CARRYING COMMUNIQUE
APPEARED AFTER JUNE 5 DISCUSSION OF OTHER
MATTERS BY EMBOFF WITH JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL GALVAO
DE MELO. SINCE LATTER MADE NO MENTION OF CASE, WE
ASSUME JUNTA HAS NOT AND IS NOT ON VERGE OF ALTERING
ITS PAST POSITION ON CASE. HOWEVER, WE WILL SEEK
TO CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION. SCOTT

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